

## ARRANGING FOR A RACE

### Planning the Details for the Hanlan-Riley Contest.

Meeting of Citizens at Willard's—The Prize Money Assured—Committees Appointed to Attend to the Preliminaries—  
A Card from Riley—He Declares His Intention to Win if He Can, Etc.

**The Hanlan-Riley Race.**  
A meeting of the committee of arrangements for the approaching Hanlan-Riley race was held last

Willet, William Dickson, W. B. Shaw, Joseph Cooke, John W. Corson and E. S. Maunder, of the Anatolian Boat club; Colonel Jones and A. R. Cropley, of the Potomac; Edward Timar, of the Potomac and Potomac Boat club; John W. Corson and E. S. Maunder, of the Potomac; and Mr. J. W. Wood, U. S. N., and Charles D. Thompson, secretary of the navy. Before the committee organized it was announced that 1,500 of the Potomac Boat club had been expelled, and the balance would be secured by Colonel F. Jones, of the Potomac Boat club, and E. S. Maunder, of the Anatolians, secretary, and Mr. J. W. Wood, U. S. N., treasurer. The committee decided to appoint committees to arrange the details for next Wednesday, and on motion the following were elected:

Subscriptions—Messrs. Dickson and Cooke.  
Press for notices and press—Messrs. Corson and Cooke.  
Flagging the course—Messrs. Jones and Cropley.  
Ordering of meals and turning flags to be flying.

Frees and invited guests—Messrs. Willett and Cropley.  
An advisory branch of this committee, to whom all press representatives shall make application.

A general discussion was then indulged, during which the following gentlemen were present: Messrs. Jones, Samuel Geddes and William Bell—and to renew the question of a referee for the contestants in the Potomac Boat club. The committee adjourned until tomorrow day, when both argument will be presented to arrange certain preliminaries.

It was also announced that the Potomac Boat club's challenge has gained him hosts of friends, and that the Potomac Boat club will be a team for the contest. He was out on the river twice

**RILEY WILL PULL TO WIN.**  
WASHINGTON, May 21, 1880.  
*To the Editor of the National Republican:*  
Sir:—Some of the members of the national committee have very officiously and offensively circulated the report that I collected that Mr. Hanlan must certainly lose on Wednesday next. This report I most emphatically contradict. While I am ready to concede that Mr. Hanlan is not a very popular man, I am justly entitled to, and while my worst enemies can never honestly accuse me of boasting, I can assure you that I will not shrink from the issue, if it does win. So far as I am concerned, I prefer to lose, than to be repulsed of Wednesday's fiasco. I shall do as much as I can to help the cause of the party, and the American flag. I mean business and shall pull to win.  
JAMES H. RILEY.  
I did not do more years ago, and I am sure that the evening he was out for over an hour. His ad-

will back him heavily to win next Wednesday.

ANOTHER RACY POEM.

The production of THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN's poet laureate the Courtney Fladjo has inspired the following rhymes, written, as the accompanying note explains, "by a lady in one of the departments, of true American grit." The charge for publishing such matter is \$500 a line for each line for each insertion, unless a contract is made for the season. However, in this case we have accepted the author's offer to publish this for \$5.

Shall we gather 'neath the river,  
At the risk of life and limb,

And to get a sight of him  
Who did every nerve unbend  
To come out with flying colors,  
And accomplishing this great end—  
Win the Hop's six thousand dollars?  
Shall we gather at the river

Or will Riley fill the programme,  
And row the whole length of the course?  
Shall the signal of the red ball  
Show the multitude close by  
How the plucky little Canadian  
Can again his colors fly?

Shall America's gold eagles  
Take their flight to England's well?  
Is there not a man of iron nerve  
Who can capture all the spoil?  
Come out, brave boys! It does not follow  
That foreigners shall always take our bottom  
dollar.  
Let England and her Dominion boast,  
America yet may win the coast.

The family troubles consequent upon the death of Mrs. Mary F. A. Torrey, which have been given considerable publicity, now come before the public in another shape. Yesterday, in the probate court two petitions were filed seeking to secure letters testamentary on the estate of Mrs. Mary F. A. Torrey, one by Charles H. Torrey, deceased the husband of the deceased, and the other by Mrs. Mary F. A. Torrey, deceased's mother.

band of the deceased, and Oliver A. Dailey, a relative. The former represents that by intimidation, Oliver D. Ambrose and Oliver A. Dailey forced an compelled him to surrender the possession of the personal estate of the deceased, which they now hold; that the grand jury is now investigating the case for the purpose of indicting these parties. He further avers that unless the property is soon

letters of administration be issued to him on the personal effects of the deceased, and that some proper person take possession of the estate until such letters are issued.

The petition of Mr. Dalley, after reciting the membership of the surviving family, states that the deceased died possessed of \$4,000 worth of personal property, and the husband manifests a determination

it to his own use in utter derogation and violation of the legal rights in the premises and as heir at law of D. S. Ambrose. The hostility of Mr. Torrey to his stepson has been such that the petitioner does not believe that he would faithfully discharge the duties of administrator toward him. He procure the personal effects of the deceased immediately after her death to be held and given up, passively.

**A Pleasant Temperance Evening.**  
One of the most agreeable of the many pleasant meetings of Equal Division No. 32, of T. was held

most evening at its ban on Santa street. After a initiation of several well-known gentlemen the private work of the division was suspended and literary and musical entertainment was presented. Among those who participated to the evident satisfaction of the audience were Mrs. S. H. Jess and the Misses Donner in songs, Miss Florence Leach, and Miss Florence Sullivan in readings.

members of Equal Division: Messrs. Ed. J. Whipple, L. P. Seibold, J. L. Parkhurst, Harry C. Pease and Samuel H. Hurdle. These gentlemen in solo duets and quintettes assisted in adding to the enjoyment of all. Dr. J. G. Stephenson and Glen Hayward delivered interesting addresses. It is the intention of Equal Division to continue these social meetings every alternate (Friday) evening.

**The Reading Company's Fallure.**  
PHILADELPHIA, May 21.—President Gove makes the following announcement:

The Philadelphia & Reading Railroad company and Philadelphia & Reading Coal and Iron company have been compelled to suspend payments. The managers will take immediate measures to protect intact the property of both companies and continue the business. For this purpose the daily revenues will be applied, so far as required, in the payment of wages and supplies. E.

PORTVILLE, Pa., May 22.—Reports from all principal points in the coalfield, now state that the feeling over the Reading suspension is one of sympathy. The miners view it as a good thing for both the railroad and themselves. In business circles it only fear is that the credit of the iron manufacturers, who are working up contracts for the Reading,

suspension as temporary.

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